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Leçons de Géographie Physique, par Albert de Lapparent, professeur à l'École Libre de Hautes Études, ancien Président de la Commission Centrale de la Société de Géographie. Ouvrage Contenant 117 figures dans le texte et une planche en couleurs. Masson et Cie., Éditeurs Libraires de l'Académie de Médecine, 120 Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris, 1896. 8vo.

This book does not pretend to be a *Treatise* on physical geography. It is to be regarded, in the author's words, as a kind of bridge between the two sciences, geography and geology, including of the latter only what seems strictly necessary and never omitting from the study of the present forms the consideration of the past which has produced them.

An alternative title suggested is: *Lessons on the Genesis of Geographical Forms*, and M. de Lapparent admits that, if he had been writing in America, he would not have hesitated to adopt the word *geomorphogeny*, which first saw the light in this country. Correctly formed as the word is and useful as it may be, there are many among M. de Lapparent's readers who will not regret its absence from the lucid pages to which the new vocabulary has contributed a part of its luxuriant growth.

In the first fifteen lessons M. de Lapparent discusses the definition of the subject, the figure and dimensions of the earth, the relief of its crust, the general conditions and the special forces which have fashioned the surface and the forms, the cycles of erosion, the action of the ice, the winds, and the waters of the ocean, and the incomplete palæographical record, not less difficult to read than a book which has lost the greater part of its leaves.

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The illustrations could not well be improved.

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